

George Mason University BS in Psychology
Virginia Peninsula AS in Social Science
2026-2027

ADVANCE
 PART OF THE MASON VIRGINIA PROMISE



Transfer Requirements

1. Complete the associate degree with a 2.5 or higher cumulative GPA.
2. ENG 111, ENG 112, and a college-level math course must be completed with a C or higher in the first 45 credits. See the pathway to select the correct math course(s) for the intended major.
3. Transfer to George Mason for the fall or spring semester immediately following the conferral of the pathway associate degree.
4. Grades of C or higher are required for transfer credit. Select programs may require a higher grade in specified courses. See the program-specific requirements noted on the pathway.
5. Students must complete their associate degree within five years of entering the program.

Associate Degree Requirements

#	Associate Degree Requirement & Course	Credits	George Mason Equivalent	George Mason Degree Requirement
1	SDV 100	1	UNIV 100	General Elective
2	ENG 111	3	ENGH —	General Elective
3	MTH 154	3	MATH 106	Major Supporting Coursework & Gen Ed: Quant Reasoning
4	Arts/Humanities/Literature: ART 101, ART 102, CST 130, or MUS 121	3	George Mason Equivalent ¹	Major Supporting Coursework: Humanities & Gen Ed: Arts
5	Social Science Elective: PSY 200	3	PSYC 100	Major
6	CST 100	3	COMM 100	Gen Ed: Oral Comm
7	ENG 112	3	ENGH 101	Gen Ed: Written Comm
8	MTH 245	3	STAT 250	Major Supporting Coursework: Quant
9	General Education Elective in Social Science: CST 126, ECO 120, EDU 200, ENG 211, FRE 101, GEO 210, HLT 230, PHI 220, PLS 135, PLS 241, PSY 235, or SPA 101	3	George Mason Equivalent ¹	General Elective or PSYC Elective (PSY 235 only)
10	Social Science Elective: PSY 230	3	PSYC 211	Major
11	History: HIS 101, HIS 102, HIS 111, or HIS 112 (recommended)	3	George Mason Equivalent ¹	Major Supporting Coursework: Social Science & Gen Ed: Global History
12	Laboratory Science: BIO 101	4	BIOL 103/105	Major
13	General Education Elective in Social Science: ECO 120, HIST 121, PLS 135, PLS 241, SOC 200	3	George Mason Equivalent ¹	Major Supporting Coursework: Social Science
14	General Education Elective in Social Science: CST 126, ECO 120, EDU 200, ENG 211, FRE 101, GEO 210, HLT 230, PHI 220, PLS 135, PLS 241, PSY 235, or SPA 101	3	George Mason Equivalent ¹	General Elective or PSYC Elective (PSY 235 only)
15	Social Science Elective: PSY 216	3	PSYC 231	Major
16	Literature: ENG 225, ENG 245, ENG 246, ENG 250, ENG 255, ENG 258, ENG 275	3	ENGH 202 or FRLN L330	Gen Ed: Literature
17	History: HIS 101, HIS 102, HIS 111, HIS 112, HIS 121, or HIS 122	3	George Mason Equivalent ¹	Major Supporting Coursework: Social Science
18	Arts/Humanities/Literature: Any transferrable VPCC Humanities elective	3	George Mason Equivalent ¹	General Elective
19	Laboratory Science: BIO 102	4	BIOL 102	Major
20	Social Science Elective: Any transferrable VPCC Social Science Elective	3	George Mason Equivalent ¹	General Elective

	Associate degree total: <i>Students must apply to graduate by the community college graduation application deadline.</i>	60		
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Bachelor's Degree Requirements — *Fully online degree option available*

#	Degree Requirement & Course	Credits	Notes
21	Gen Ed: Written Comm: ENGH 302	3	
22	PSYC 317	3	
23	PSYC 300	4	
24	PSYC 301	4	Writing Intensive
25	PSYC lab course	2-4	
26	PSYC 372 or PSYC 375 + PSYC 376	3-6	
27	PSYC Professional Development	3	See George Mason catalog for list of options ²
28	Applied Psychology Courses	6	
29	PSYC Electives	0-5	Some credits may need to be upper level. Total PSYC electives needed will depend on other selections in the degree
30	Technical Writing: PSYC 304, PSYC 309, PSYC 320, or ENGH 388	3	
31	Additional Natural Science courses	6	
32	Gen Ed: Apex course	3	Students may select a course from the PSYC options if additional upper-credit PSYC electives are needed.
33	General Electives	15	As needed to reach 120 total credits. Some credits may need to be upper level to reach the 45 total upper level credit requirement.
	Total post-transfer credits:	60	
	Pathway total:	120	

Footnotes:

1. To confirm George Mason equivalencies, visit: [George Mason Transfer Credit Matrix](#).
2. For more information see: [Current Psychology BS Catalog](#). Please use the [catalog archive link](#) to navigate to your specific catalog year requirements.

Additional Academic Information:

- Students who complete a VCCS transfer associate degree (AS, AA, AA&S, or AFA) will receive a waiver of the Foundation and Exploration (lower division) Mason Core general education categories. To be eligible for the waiver, the students must provide the George Mason Office of Admissions with a final, official transcript reflecting the degree conferral date. As a prerequisite for ENGH 302, ENGH 101 is not waived. Students must complete ENGH 100 or ENGH 101, or an equivalent, with a C or higher.
 - When a course fulfills a Mason Core requirement and a major or college requirement (e.g. Major & Quant), students must complete the course listed on the pathway to fulfill the major/college requirement. Courses that fulfill only Mason Core Foundation and Exploration categories are recommendations. In most pathways, ADVANCE students must complete a Quantitative Reasoning course to matriculate through ADVANCE.
 - ADVANCE students must complete the associate degree indicated on their pathway (see the Transfer Requirements listed above). Students who withdraw from ADVANCE and transfer without the associate degree or UCGS are required to complete each Mason Core general education category.
- All students seeking a bachelor's degree must apply at least 45 credits of upper-level courses (numbered 300 or above) toward graduation.
- For academic policies and procedures relating to the associate degree, please navigate to your specific catalog year using the Archive Catalog link: [College Catalog | Virginia Peninsula Community College \(vpcc.edu\)](#)
- For academic policies and procedures relating to the bachelor's degree, please visit: [George Mason Catalog](#). Navigate to your specific catalog year requirements using the catalog archive: [George Mason Catalog Archive](#).